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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

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pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☐ the claims:

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☐ the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-28</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-28</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-28</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1. "RFC 2977: Mobile IP Authentication, Authorisation and Accounting Requirement".

D2. "Internet Draft: DIAMETER Dial-Up (ROAMOPS) Extensions".

D3. "3GPP TSG SA WG3 Security S3#19, S3-010382, Newbury, UK: Flows related to Authenticated Registrations and Re-Registrations".

D4. "3GPP TSG SA WG3 Security S3#19, S3-010402, Newbury, UK: Requirements related to private and public identities in IMS".

D5. "Internet Draft: Diameter Base Protocol."

D6. "Internet Draft: DIAMETER: Policy and Accounting Extension for SIP".

D7. WO 0184765 A

D8. EP 1111872 A

In order to maintain an acceptably high level of security in a communication system the authorization of a user should be verified at predetermined intervals. Verification of users creates a lot of traffic in communication systems and leads to delay of services. This is especially problematic in wireless systems where the bandwidth is very limited. The aim of the present application is to solve this problem.

D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses a method for authentication and authorization in a mobile IP system. Mobile IP is a technology that allows a network node to migrate from its "home" network to other "foreign" networks. If a client requests a service from a foreign network a local authority (AAAL) in the foreign network negotiates the verification of the client with a home authority (AAAH) in the home network. Once the authorization has been obtained by the AAAL the service can be provided to the user (see section 3). .../...

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: BOX V

D2 discloses extensions to an authentication protocol called DIAMETER. In D2 an AA-request is used in order to request authentication and authorization for a given user. The AA-request contains an authentication bit and an authorization bit. If only the authentication bit is set, the response must not include authorization information. If only the authorization bit is set, the response must not include authentication information. To make sure that a user is both authenticated and authorized, neither bit is set.

The invention differs from D1 and D2 in that a specific record is used for determining if a user is to be verified before he can be provided with a specific service. Such a record is not disclosed in D1 or D2. Further, there are no suggestions in D1 or D2 that would lead the skilled person to include this feature in the systems described in D1 and D2.

D3, D4, D5, D6, D7 and D8 are background art documents that are not considered to be of any particular relevance.

Thus, the invention according to claims 1-28 is considered to fulfil the requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The figures are not published in correct order. Figure 6 is published on page 3 and figure 5 is published on page 4.